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TAGS: BDIS, BPRO, EAGR, EEWT, RO  
SUBJ: TRADE INQUIRY - GOR COTTON IMPORTS

REF: USDOC 14011

1. ON AUG 14, EMBOFF MET WITH DEP. DIRECTOR NICOLAE POPA OF ROMANOEXPORT (REXP) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COTTON IMPORT CITED REFTEL. ACCORDING TO POPA, GOR IS NOT CURRENTLY IN MARKET TO PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITY OF COTTON. ONLY PLANNED PURCHASE IS FOR SMALL QUANTITY OF ONE THOUSAND TONS IN LAST QUARTER OF CY 1978. NEGOTIATIONF FOR THIS AMOUNT ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY WITH WEIL BROTHER OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

2. GOR COTTON IMPORT PLAN FOR CY 1979 WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. POPA SPECULATED THAT OF THE ROUGHLY 100 THOUSAND TONS WHICH ROMANIA WILL IMPORT IN CY 1979, ONLY 5 THOUSAND WILL BE PURCHASED FROM U.S.  
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3. FOR USDOC/BEWT:TDAD: POPA ALSO ASKED FOR EMBASSY/USDOC ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING TRADE DISPUTE WITH COOK INDUSTIES OF MEMPHIS, TENN. BACKGROUND: GOR DISCOVERED WEIGHT SHORTAGES IN SEVERAL SHIPMENT OF COTTON MADE BY COOK IN 1977. TOTAL VALUE OF SHORTAGES WAS EQUAL TO \$16,000. IN SPRING, 1978, COOK AND REXP SIGNED AGREEMENT BY WHICH COOK WOULD GRANT

\$1 PER BALE REBATE ON ALL FUTURE SHIPMENTS UNTIL TOTAL DEBT  
CANCELED. IN JULY, COOK ACCOUNCED LIQUIDATION AND INFORMED  
REXP THAT COOK HAD NO OBLIGATION TO REPAY REMAINING BALANCE  
WHICH NOW STANDS AT \$13,000. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSIS-  
TANCEBEWT CAN GIVE IN CLARIFYING AND RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM.  
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